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SUBJECT: VIGGEN COMPETING WITH F-5E IN AUSTRIAN AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT

REFS: A. STOCKHOLM 2989; B. VIENNA 7251

1. USG HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN NORTHROP'S ATTEMPT TO SELL F-5E TO AUSTRIA AND DOES NOT HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS BEYOND THAT PROVIDED IN REF. B. WE HAVE FOLLOWED COMPETITION ONLY TO EXTENT THAT THREE OF THE AIRCRAFT BEING CONSIDERED BY GOA, I.E., VIGGEN, F-5E, AND ISRAEL'S KFIR, ARE EITHER AMERICAN OR CONTAIN SIGNIFICANT US-LICENSED OR MANUFACTURED COMPONENTS.
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2. REGARDING F-5ES, LETTER OF OFFER WAS EXTENDED TO GOA IN 1973. LAST YEAR, WE INFORMED SWEDEN THAT WE HAD DECIDED TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE SALE OF VIGGENS TO AUSTRIA SHOULD TRANSACTION COME ABOUT AND AFTER REVIEW OF THE SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HONEYWELL ON BEHALF OF SWEDISH AIR MATERIEL ADMINISTRATION RECEIVED PERMISSION TO

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TRANSFER TO AUSTRIA JA-37 DIGITAL AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROL SYSTEM AS PART OF VIGGEN AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.

3. WE ASSUME NORTHROP HAS DEALT DIRECTLY WITH GOA. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW THAT THE GOA IS ACTUALLY LEANING TOWARDS THE F-5E AND HAVE ONLY KREISKY'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOA WOULD PROBABLY MAKE DECISION THIS FALL. AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED VARIOUS STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM TIME TO TIME SO THE RECENT NEWS REPORTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE FINAL WORD.

4. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE IN REPLY TO QUERIES WITH GOS OR INDUSTRIAL CONTACTS. VANCE

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